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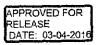
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	TING OF THE SALVADORAN GENERAL	
SALVADURAN PRESIDENT'S PRI	OPOSAL TO HOLD A DIALOGUE WITH II	NSURGENT LEADERS
	1	JEUTENANT
COLONEL SIGIFREDO ((OCHOA)	) PEREZ, COMMANDER OF THE FOURT	H INFANTRY BRIGADE, BRIEFE
HIS OFFICERS ON THE MEETING	ÉS OF THE SALVADORAN GENERAL ST	AFF HELD ON'9 AND 10
DIALOGUE WITH THE INSURGEN	DENT JOSE NAPOLEON ((DUARTE))'S P NTS ON 15 OCTOBER AT LA PALMA, CH	ALATÉNANGO, OCHOA BRIEFEI
THE OFFICERS ON THE ISSUES	WHICH HAD BEEN RAISED BY OTHER	COMMANDERS AND MILITARY
LEADERS WITH PRESIDENT DU	ARTE DURING THE 10 OCTOBER MEETI	ING WHEN DUARTE
ADDRESSED THE MILITARY OFF	FICERS. OCHOA WAS NEUTRAL·IÑ HIS I	PRESENTATION AND DID NOT
INDICATE WHETHER HE APPRO	VED OR DISAPPROVED OF THE PRESI	DENT'S ACTION. 2. AMONG THE
POINTS OCHOA RELATED TO H	S OFFICERS WERE THE FOLLOWING: A	A. THERE IS A DIFFERENCE
BETWEEN NEGOTIATION AND D	NALOGUE. B. THE WAR MUST BE FOUG E PRESIDENT TOLD HIS BRIGADE COM	MANDERS THAT SHOULD HE
EAU TO ADHERE TO THE CONS	TITUTION DURING THE DIALOGUE, THE	Y SHOULD FEEL FREE TO
REPLACE HIM. D. CIVILIAN AND	MILITARY LEADERS WHO WERE BRIEF	ED BY THE PRESIDENT
SUPPORTED HIS PROPOSAL, E.	DUARTE SAID THAT THE INSURGENTS	S ARE NOW LOSING STATUS. F.
THE NICARAGUAN ARMY OF SO	IMOZA LED AN ORGANIZED RETREAT V	WHICH IS A DIFFICULT MILITARY
MANEUVER, THEY LOST THE PO	DLITICAL BATTLE, NOT THE MILITARY V	VAR. G. THE DOMINO THEORY
HAS TWO POSSIBLE DIRECTION	IS IN CENTRAL AMERICA. THE COMMU	NISTS HAD PLANNED TO TAKE
NICARAUGA, THE EL SALVADOF	R, HONDURAS, GUATEMALA, ETC. THE	THINK IN THE LONG TERM.
NOW THAT EL SALVADOR HAS I	BEEN SUCCESSFUL IN CONFRONT-INC	SIMEN, II APPEARD IMAI

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THEIR MOMENTUM HAS SLOWED. PERHAPS THE DOMINOS WILL FALL IN THE OTHER DIRECTION AND "EL SALVADOR MAY BE ABLE TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT NICARAGUA." 3. OCHOA TOLD HIS OFFICERS

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THAT THE PRESIDENT HAD BEEN QUERIED ABOUT THE SELECTION OF LA PALMA FOR THE MEETING WITH THE INSURGENTS. THERE WAS NO RESPONSE BY THE PRESIDENT TO THE QUESTION CONCERNING LA PALMA AS A MEETING SITE. COMMENT: LA PALMA IS IN FOURTH BRIGADE JURISDICTION BUT HAS BEEN UNDER INSURGENT CONTROL FOR ABOUT TWO YEARS.)

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